

PROJECT TITLE : ETNA Evaluation
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Production summary

By January 26th, 1981 the following quantities of ETNA had been produced :

- ET-FC : ~ 64000 kg
- ET-CH : ~ 8000 kg

Stock situation of expanded tobaccos :

- ET-FC : 60000 kg
- ET-CH : 4600 kg
- DBC-Bright : ~ 1700 kg
- Corean tobacco : 650 kg

- FC ex USA : 10700 kg
- BUR ex USA : 7000 kg

There still are some problems to process the Swiss tobacco : it seems to be more fibrous. A reduction of the moisture content of the incoming cut tobacco seems to help (from 22 % to 19 %), as well as an increase of the soak time in the impregnator.

Cigarettes

The following cigarettes will be made with expanded tobacco ex USA until it is used up, and then the cigarettes will be switched to tobacco expanded in Onnens :

- MLZ : 13 % FC
- FLI : 7 % FC
- California : 18 % FC
- BEP : 27 % BUR

The following brands are already using expanded tobacco ex Onnens :

- BRT : 27 % ET-CH
- FLL : 27 % ET-CH
- MLF : 2.2 % ET-FC

Expanded tobacco ex Onnens will be used in the following brands as soon as they are processed :

- MER : 3.0 % ET-FC
- PMM : 2.2 % ET-FC
- PMK : 2.2 % ET-FC
- BRF : ET-CH } awaiting final
- NPF : ET-CH } blend receipe

A new evaluation is being carried out on FLL, FLI, MLZ, BRT and California cigarettes. Results should be evaluated shortly.

Miscellaneous

Tobacco Lot Analysis will be carried out on each lot of finished product (once a month) as well as on any blend modification.

Add-back system : following the modifications carried out in December, the maximum amount of expanded tobacco that can be added to the blends is now 30 %. The minimum amount is 2.5 %. A distribution curve of the effective amount of ETNA in MLF will be made and presented to the blenders, in the hope that they will raise the brands with 2.2 % to 3 % ETNA.

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